

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ex rel.  
CORI RIGSBY and KERRI RIGSBY

RELATORS/COUNTER-DEFENDANTS

v.

CASE NO. 1:06cv433-LTS-RHW

STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY DEFENDANT/COUNTER-PLAINTIFF

and

FORENSIC ANALYSIS ENGINEERING CORPORATION;  
HAAG ENGINEERING CO.; and ALEXIS KING

DEFENDANTS

**STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY'S  
RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO THE RIGSBYS' [573] & [576]  
MOTION TO COMPEL AND FOR SANCTIONS**

Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff State Farm Fire and Casualty Company ("State Farm") submits this Response in Opposition to the Rigsbys' [573] & [576] Motion to Compel and for Sanctions.

1. This case is not going well for the Rigsbys. Last week's testimony from three FEMA representatives establishes conclusively that State Farm properly adjusted and paid the McIntosh flood claim.

2. David Maurstad, the former head of the National Flood Insurance Program ("NFIP"), testified that, in light of the unprecedented storm surge on the Mississippi coast, there was "no way the flood adjuster" could have determined that a property was destroyed by wind before the storm surge arrived.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Maurstad expressly rejected the Rigsbys' suggestion that an adjuster should have withheld payment under the flood policy until the wind damage was assessed, explaining that employing such grounds to deny flood insurance payments would have

been an “unconscionable” act that would have violated the letter and spirit of the NFIP.<sup>2</sup> Mr. Maurstad further testified that FEMA guidelines and “common sense” permitted a flood claims adjuster to forego an “itemized line-by-line claim adjusting process” where (as here) the “damage far exceeded the policy limits.”<sup>3</sup>

3. James Shortley, FEMA’s Director of Claims for the NFIP at the time of Katrina, similarly testified that – contrary to the Rigsbys’ central theory of the case – a stick build estimate would not have been necessary where (as here) the flood adjuster performed a site visit, determined that the property was a constructive total loss, and documented that loss with photographs, scope notes, and diagrams.<sup>4</sup>

4. Finally, Gerald Waytowich, who was responsible for conducting routine FEMA reinspections of flood adjustments done by companies such as State Farm to ensure compliance with FEMA policies and procedures, reviewed the McIntosh flood claim file and found: (i) the photographs of the McIntosh property indicate flood damage “way beyond the \$250,000” policy limits;<sup>5</sup> (ii) the McIntosh flood claim was properly scoped and documented;<sup>6</sup> (iii) the use of XactTotal was consistent with the training given by FEMA for handling Katrina claims;<sup>7</sup> and (iv) the McIntosh flood claim file justified a \$250,000 flood payment.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Maurstad Dep. at 10:8-11:21; 31:13-32:12; 36:24-38:20; 126:1-127:12, excerpts attached as Exhibit A.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 126:1-127:12.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 149:5-150:20.

<sup>4</sup> Shortley Dep. at 9:20-10:6; 27:5-25, excerpts attached as Exhibit B.

<sup>5</sup> Waytowich Dep. at 15:7-16:3; 26:8-22; 47:13-18, excerpts attached as Exhibit C.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 46:18-22.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 47:6-25.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 48:17-24.

5. Stung by this testimony, the Rigsbys have filed this motion in a desperate but misplaced effort to shift the momentum and to shift the attention away from the substance of this matter by creating a procedural tempest in a teapot. Their motion does not withstand scrutiny.

6. The Rigsbys' complaints are particularly ironic considering that on June 3, 2010, just one day before they filed their motion, they notified State Farm that they would supplement *their* discovery responses with materials that State Farm "requested previously" ([574] at 1), and which were "readily available" (*id.*), to the Rigsbys. (Letter from C. Litherland to J. Walker, dated June 3, 2010, attached as Exhibit D.)

7. State Farm incorporates by reference herein its Response Memorandum of Authorities, filed of record following this Response, including all arguments, authorities and other matters set forth therein.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, for all of the foregoing reasons, State Farm respectfully requests that this Court deny the Rigsbys' ([573] & [576]) motion to compel and for sanctions in its entirety.

This the 11th day of June, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Exhibit A**

1 D. Maurstad

2 the policyholder premiums support along with  
3 direct appropriation for that work.

4 Q. Do any of your engineers or  
5 architects perform any independent expert  
6 evaluations of claim sites?

7 A. Not that I'm aware of.

8 Q. Okay. What was your previous  
9 position prior to taking your current position  
10 with PBS&J?

11 A. I was the assistant administrator for  
12 the mitigation directorate and the  
13 administrator of the National Flood Insurance  
14 Program with FEMA.

15 Q. And how long did you serve in that  
16 position, please, sir?

17 A. I started in acting position in June  
18 of 2004 and would have become -- the acting  
19 part would have been dropped I think in  
20 February-March of 2006. So I essentially  
21 served in that position from June of 2004 until  
22 September of 2008.

23 Q. Could you describe more specifically  
24 your roles and responsibilities as director?

25 A. Well, as the -- the way that the

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2 agency was -- FEMA was organized, the  
3 mitigation directorate housed two main program  
4 areas. One was the mitigation program, which  
5 is essentially mitigation grant work, building  
6 science work, all of the mitigation grant  
7 programs, and then the other main component of  
8 the mitigation directorate was the National  
9 Flood Insurance Program.

10                   And by statute, I was the -- the  
11       federal insurance administrator or  
12       administrator of the National Flood Insurance  
13       Program, which was responsible for the  
14       operation of the program.

15 Q. Okay. Am I to understand basically  
16 in that position you would have been the --  
17 kind of the manager of the National Flood  
18 Insurance Program itself and all aspects of  
19 that program?

20 A. Yes. Uh-huh. Yeah, the  
21 administrator, manager, leader.

22 Q. And included within that area of  
23 management or supervision would have been the  
24 claims mitigation portion of that program; is  
25 that correct?

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2 before, and this was similar devastation for  
3 miles, literally for miles.

4                           And then in the -- of course, in the  
5 New Orleans area where you -- because of the  
6 levy failures and levy overtopping had 8-plus  
7 feet of water throughout a majority of the  
8 area, and was told very early on by the Corps  
9 of Engineers that it was going to take months  
10 to pump that water out; that we were looking at  
11 claims situations unlike the program had faced  
12 before.

13                         Q. Did you consider, after your visit  
14 and your observations, that Katrina was a  
15 monumental flooding event that had to be  
16 addressed by your agency?

17                         A. Well, I mean, it was catastrophic.  
18 Every disaster is. But, I mean, it -- again,  
19 it was unprecedented in my history of the  
20 knowledge and understanding of the program. It  
21 was unprecedented.

22                         And the charge that we were -- that  
23 the federal government was given, but that FEMA  
24 was responsible for coordinating, was to  
25 respond and help the citizens of the Gulf Coast

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<sup>2</sup> recover as quickly as possible.

I took that responsibility very seriously and with my understanding of the way that the disaster assistance programs within other parts of FEMA worked and the limited nature of the assistance that's available to people, individuals, that those people that did have a flood insurance policy were going to be able to get back on their feet much, much faster if we were able to get them the payments from the policies that they purchased.

13 Q. Did you reach out and communicate  
14 this desire and concern to the Write Your Owns  
15 as to seeking assistance and getting everyone's  
16 heads together to address this issue?

17           A.     Yeah. Again, as I indicated, you  
18       know, after I provided my initial assessment to  
19       the administrator of FEMA and to the  
20       administration and OMB and reached out to the  
21       insurance commissioners because I believed it  
22       was very critical to have -- you know, start a  
23       dialogue with the insurance commissioners, work  
24       with them shoulder to shoulder was the term  
25       that I used in making sure that their citizens

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2       hope, is what I've been trying to share with  
3       you already.

4       Q.     Yes, sir.

5       A.    And within the context of the date of  
6       August 31, you can understand or potentially  
7       appreciate what I've been trying to indicate,  
8       and that's the urgency that I had in making  
9       sure that we were approaching this disaster in  
10      the context of the magnitude of it and very  
11      much reaching out very quickly, days within the  
12      time that Katrina hit.

13                          And we made some decisions very  
14      quickly. We started -- we didn't -- you know,  
15      I was not going to be ambiguous with how we  
16      were going to approach this. And this  
17      reflects, I believe, the intent of what I  
18      was -- what I was sharing in those early days  
19      of Katrina.

20       Q.     This --

21       A.    Maybe not as vociferous as I would  
22      want it to, but it's good enough, I guess.

23       Q.     Yes, sir.

24                          This communication where it says FEMA  
25      will be developing procedures to streamline

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2 payments in cases where losses exceed policy  
3 limits, was this a communication that  
4 Mr. Russell with IBHS obviously received from  
5 someone at FEMA under your direction or  
6 supervision?

7 A. Yeah, I would have shared that with  
8 the IBHS who would have been on the calls that  
9 I've been talking about.

10 So -- and I indicated that we were --  
11 again, within the context of my insurance  
12 experience and with the understanding that,  
13 unfortunately, most people when they buy a  
14 flood insurance policy don't buy it to value.

15 And so it was my belief very early on  
16 that we were going to have an extraordinary  
17 number of policy limit claims because of the  
18 devastation of the coast and because of the  
19 inundation of homes for an extended period of  
20 time. So I started talking very quickly about  
21 ways that we could, as it is indicated here,  
22 streamline the processes.

23 I'm not sure that expediting came  
24 about in these early discussions, but that was  
25 my intent. We wanted -- again, my general

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2 charge was I want people to be taken care of as  
3 quickly and as fairly as possible within the  
4 context of their policies. It was an  
5 opportunity for the flood program to  
6 demonstrate what we had been talking to people  
7 about, and that's you're better off in the  
8 aftermath of a flood disaster with an NFIP  
9 policy than without one.

10 I mean, this was a time when we would  
11 be able to use and indicate for the benefit of  
12 property owners around the country in the  
13 future that in Katrina, the worst disaster --  
14 natural disaster to strike this country, the  
15 worst flooding disaster to ever occur within  
16 this country, people that had a flood insurance  
17 policy got paid promptly, fairly, and recovered  
18 quicker than people that didn't, that had to  
19 rely on either disaster assistance or some type  
20 of charity.

21 Q. Did you have an occasion,  
22 Mr. Maurstad, shortly after Katrina hit to  
23 attend a summit of various insurance  
24 commissioners in Atlanta, if you recall?

25 A. Yes, I did.

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2 Q. Okay. Now let me give you a  
3 hypothetical.

4 If the adjuster went out to the  
5 property and the home was completely destroyed  
6 and there was a big strip of other homes and  
7 trees and other things that were gone leading  
8 right up to the home, there was also a bunch of  
9 water in the area, while you were out at the  
10 NFIP, would you have expected that adjuster to  
11 have looked into whether any wind damaged the  
12 property first?

13 MR. BEERS: Object to the form.

14 A. The -- what -- clearly, the situation  
15 in Katrina on the Mississippi coast with the  
16 recorded storm surge, the situation of trying  
17 to parse whether, you know, wind caused that or  
18 whether the storm surge caused that, it would  
19 have been, in my opinion, an uncontroble  
20 (phonetic) position for the flood program to  
21 have denied claims on your hypothetical basis.

22 So the adjuster, knowing what the  
23 facts are and the storm surge and the area, the  
24 way it's damaged, again goes back to  
25 determining there was a flood event and then

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2 pays for the damaged property.

3 Q. So even if the flood adjuster knew  
4 the home was completely destroyed by wind --

5 A. There's no way the flood adjuster  
6 could know that is what I'm trying to  
7 articulate in this case.

8 And if the flood adjuster can't  
9 determine that, then it would be, you know,  
10 again uncontroble (phonetic) to -- for the  
11 flood program to have come in and denied  
12 hundreds of claims on that basis.

13 Q. Did the flood adjuster have any  
14 obligation to look into the cause of loss after  
15 Hurricane Katrina?

16 A. The flood adjuster did. The flood  
17 adjuster determined that storm surge caused the  
18 damage and paid the flood loss accordingly.

19 Q. For every house that was damaged by  
20 Hurricane Katrina was the storm surge?

21 MR. BEERS: Object to the form.

22 A. I'm not sure every house was --  
23 that's the case for every house.

24 Q. Well, I'm not sure I'm following your  
25 testimony, Mr. Maurstad.

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2     could try to envision likely scenarios to be  
3     and what processes we could put in place to  
4     help Write Your Own companies and the  
5     policyholders get the claim adjusted, people  
6     that interpret these in a limiting -- in  
7     limiting fashion are -- that was not the intent  
8     in the development of them.

9                           Q.    Okay. But the -- what -- sounds like  
10    what -- and correct me if I'm wrong, but the  
11    way you just described process 2 is properties  
12    where they were washed off their foundation or  
13    if the company could get its own flood depth  
14    data.

15                          Was that sort of getting at the same  
16    point as process 1, which is essentially if it  
17    was difficult or impossible to access the  
18    property to get information about it such as if  
19    it's been sitting in water for ten days or, you  
20    know, and it's still in water or if there's  
21    just nothing there so you can't really gather  
22    evidence about what happened to it? Is that  
23    what -- do they both sort of go to that point?

24                          MR. BEERS: Object to form.

25                          A.    That's part of the process, but it's

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2 just one factor. Access to the property was  
3 just one factor of trying to come up with a way  
4 to streamline the claim handling.

5 Another was simply if it was common  
6 sense and reasonable for one to look at the  
7 policy and know what the policy limits were and  
8 look at the damaged property and know that if  
9 the damage far exceeded the policy limits, that  
10 in this circumstance, in the aftermath of  
11 Katrina, it didn't make sense to go through the  
12 normal, all itemized line-by-line claim  
13 adjusting process.

14 Q. And you did -- does FEMA 5054 say  
15 that?

16 MR. BEERS: Object to the form.

17 A. I think FEMA -- I think 5054,  
18 reasonably interpreted, leads one to that  
19 conclusion, that that's what we were trying to  
20 accomplish.

21 Q. So you were trying to accomplish that  
22 by 5054. Whenever adjuster thought it made  
23 sense to do it, they didn't have to do a  
24 line-by-line estimation, they could just use --

25 A. No.

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**Exhibit B**

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2 insurance.

3 Q. And how long have you performed this  
4 consulting work?

5           A. Well, I retired in November of '07,  
6 and I have been doing it since then, but it's  
7 not something that I do every day. I don't go  
8 to an office and work every day or --

9                   Q.     And you don't consult for one  
10                  specific company --

11 A. NO.

12 Q. -- or individual?

13 A. Anybody that will pay me.

14 Q. And when did you retire? November of  
15 '07?

16 A. Yes.

Q. And what did you retire from?

18                  A.        The Federal Emergency Management  
19                  Agency.

20 Q. And could you tell me what your last  
21 position was with FEMA?

22 A. I was the director of claims for the  
23 National Flood Insurance Program for FEMA.

24 Q. And how long did you serve in that  
25 position, please, sir?

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<sup>2</sup> A. Since November of 1990.

3 Q. So from November of 1990 to November  
4 of 2007, you served as director of claims for  
5 FEMA?

6 A. I did.

7           Q.     Okay.  Did you hold any other  
8     positions with FEMA or the National Flood  
9     Insurance Program prior to serving as director  
10    of claims?

11           A. I was what they called a government  
12 technical monitor from 1983 to 1990. My office  
13 was at the office building for the NFIP Bureau  
14 and Statistical Agent, and my job there was to  
15 show -- not show, but see that the contractor  
16 was fulfilling its contractual obligations in  
17 the claims area.

18 Q. And when you say "the contractor,"  
19 who do you mean? What do you --

20           A.     At that time, it was Computer  
21 Sciences Corporation.

22 Q. And what services did Computer  
23 Science Corporation perform for FEMA?

24           A. Well, they handled -- they had the --  
25 from my area, they had the general adjusters.

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2     water remained in these structures for a week  
3     to ten days. We didn't have to go out and look  
4     at that.

5         Q.  I know. But with regards to those  
6     that they did site visits for --

7         A.  Oh, yeah, we would want them to take  
8     photographs and measurements and that kind of  
9     thing.

10        Q.  Scoping the damage and --

11        A.  Right.

12        Q.  And once they were -- once they  
13     photographed it, scoped it and diagrammed it,  
14     if they determined through looking at their  
15     scope and their observation of the flood damage  
16     that the damage would exceed the coverage  
17     limits, they would not have to stick build an  
18     estimate?

19        A.  Right.

20                         MR. MATTEIS: Objection to form.

21        Q.  Do you recall also having discussions  
22     in addition with Ms. King but with Mr. Guevara  
23     where this process was discussed and  
24     authorized?

25        A.  Right, yes.

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10 STATE FARM MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, )  
11 Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff, )  
12 and )  
13 FORENSIC ANALYSIS ENGINEERING )  
14 CORPORATION, HAAG ENGINEERING CO., and )  
15 ALEXIS KING, )  
16 Defendants. )  
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19 DEPOSITION OF GERALD BRIAN WAYTOWICH

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**Exhibit C**

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2 Partners?

3 A. They lost the contract back in -- end  
4 of 2007 when FEMA broke up the contract and  
5 gave it to different portions of different  
6 companies.

7 Q. I see. Now, when you were serving as  
8 claims manager for the NFIP through Computer  
9 Service -- Science Corporation, what area were  
10 you responsible for?

11 A. I was responsible for the general  
12 adjusters, the reinspection program and again,  
13 the training program for the certification for  
14 the adjusters.

15 Q. And how long did you serve as a  
16 claims manager with CSC for the National Flood  
17 Insurance Program?

18 A. I was made claims manager just after  
19 Katrina, 2005.

20 Q. And in these areas of general  
21 adjusting, reinspection, and training, as a  
22 claim manager, what were your responsibilities  
23 and duties?

24 A. Overseeing the general adjusters and  
25 assigning different reinspections, whether they

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2 were routine reinspections, special  
3 reinspections, or congressional inquiries.

4 Q. Okay. And as to the training as the  
5 claim manager, what was your responsibility?

6 A. My responsibility was to organize the  
7 training sessions, put the presentation  
8 together as far as PowerPoint and that area  
9 there, and again assign the different classes  
10 to the different general adjusters and make  
11 sure that everything went good on the training  
12 end of it and certification end of it.

13 Q. And how long did you serve as the  
14 claims manager with CSC?

15 A. That would have been three years.

16 Q. Prior to that, did you have any other  
17 positions with CSC?

18 A. I was -- I started off as a general  
19 adjuster and became the supervisor for the  
20 general adjusters and then became claims  
21 manager.

22 Q. When did you start out as a general  
23 adjuster?

24 A. 2000. I believe it was June of 2000.

25 Q. And when did you become a supervisor?

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2                           Q.     Okay.

3                           A.     -- because we were understaffed.

4                           Q.     Were you assigned any particular  
5 areas for these response offices?

6                           A.     Each response office was in the area  
7 that were -- that had devastation.

8                           Q.     Did you have general adjusters  
9 working in these response offices that were  
10 involved in reinspections of claims handled for  
11 Mississippi flood claims?

12                          A.     Yes, I did.

13                          Q.     Now, did these reinspections -- were  
14 they the same type of reinspections that you  
15 have spoken about earlier with regards to the  
16 reinspection of a flood claim?

17                          A.     Right. Those would be the routine  
18 reinspections.

19                          Q.     Okay. Would these reinspections take  
20 place involving claims from all WYO carriers,  
21 or any specific ones?

22                          A.     From all Write Your Owns.

23                          Q.     And upon reinspections, if any of  
24 your general adjusters had any concerns with  
25 regards to the way these claims were being

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2 MR. MATTEIS: Objection to form.

3 A. It wouldn't be that difficult.

4 Q. And why do you say that?

5 A. It's pretty straightforward. The  
6 water lines and the damage relate to the  
7 damages that were written.

8 Q. Did you look to see what  
9 documentation, if any, was contained within  
10 Exhibit 1 in order to support the payments  
11 authorized in this file?

12 MR. MATTEIS: Objection to form.

13 A. It's clearly, you know, from the  
14 photographs, it's showing the damages in there  
15 which would definitely exceed the policy's  
16 limits on -- based on, you know, the file  
17 itself and what was out there.

18 Q. Did you see any evidence of any lack  
19 of documentation necessary to support the  
20 payments made in this file?

21 MR. MATTEIS: Objection to form.

22 A. No, I didn't.

23 Q. Were you able to review the type of  
24 estimates utilized by the adjusters who  
25 adjusted this claim?

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2 A. Yes, I did.

3 Q. Do you have an opinion as to the  
4 appropriate use of that estimate?

5 A. In my opinion, it was done correctly.

6 Q. Did you have any criticism as to the  
7 use of an Exact Total estimate for this  
8 particular file?

9 MR. MATTEIS: Objection to form.

10 A. No, I didn't.

11 Q. Why is that?

12 MR. MATTEIS: Objection to form.

13 A. Because it's clearly to -- like I  
14 say, from the photographs I've looked at in  
15 here and the damages to the structure itself  
16 and knowing the policy limits of \$250,000,  
17 the -- you know, it's clearly damages way  
18 beyond 250,000.

19 Q. And I'll ask you whether or not the  
20 use of this Exact Total estimate contained  
21 within Exhibit 1 was consistent with the  
22 training and instruction that were given by you  
23 and your people during Katrina adjustment.

24 MR. MATTEIS: Objection to form.

25 A. Yes, it would have.

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2 Q. Did you have any criticism of the  
3 lack of a line item estimate in this file  
4 regarding flood damage?

5 MR. MATTEIS: Objection to form.

6 A. No, I didn't.

7 Q. Were you able to determine whether or  
8 not the adjusters appropriately separated and  
9 identified wind damage from flood damage?

10 MR. MATTEIS: Objection to form.

11 A. In this file, yes, they definitely  
12 did not -- they separated it. There was no  
13 overlap, that I could see.

14 Q. Was there an estimate for wind damage  
15 contained within the flood file, if you recall?

16 A. I don't recall at this point.

17 Q. After review of this flood file, did  
18 you form an opinion as to whether or not the  
19 payment of \$250,000 under the dwelling coverage  
20 afforded under the flood policy was appropriate  
21 or not?

22 MR. MATTEIS: Objection to form.

23 A. Yes, the claim file justifies a  
24 \$250,000 payment.

25 Q. Based upon your experience and



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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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Re: *United States ex rel. Rigsby v. State Farm Mutual Insurance Co., et al.*, No. 1:06-cv-433  
(S.D. Miss.)

Dear Jeff:

I write in response to your June 2 letter to Derek Sugimura. Derek is traveling this week for depositions in this case and thus I am responding.

Your statement related to a failure to disclose to State Farm the existence of computers provided by The Scruggs Law Firm to Kerri and Cori Rigsby is inaccurate. The fact that computers were provided to the Rigsbys was specifically referenced in the supplemental response to Interrogatory No. 2 contained in the Relators' Revised Supplemental Responses and Objections to Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff State Farm Fire and Casualty Company's First Interrogatories dated May 25, 2010.

We are not aware of any other discovery request in this case that would have required "disclosure" of these computers. If there is some other such discovery request, perhaps you can identify it specifically.

We have no knowledge of what discovery requests may have been propounded in the McIntosh case as we were not counsel to any party in that matter. That case has, I believe, been closed for some time. So, we will not attempt to respond to any contentions regarding any purported discovery issues in that case.

The information and documents that are stored on these computers were taken into account as we responded to discovery requests in this case. In response to your request, we have reviewed again the materials on the computers to verify that we have made all reasonable efforts to identify information responsive to discovery requests. We have located one additional group of documents that may be responsive. We are not certain that this additional group of documents has been produced and will

**Exhibit D**

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June 3, 2010

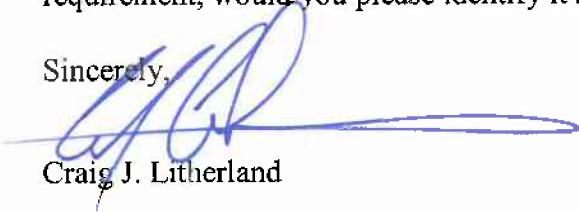
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produce them shortly. The documents are invoices indicating services provided by the Zuckerman Spaeder firm to the Rigsbys. We will redact the invoices in a manner similar to the previous such invoices that we produced. We expect to be able to produce this group of documents tomorrow. Beyond this supplemental production, it does not appear that any further supplementation of discovery responses is required from information on these computers.

You also indicate that State Farm should be given access to these computers. We are not aware of any outstanding discovery request or other requirement that would mandate that the Rigsbys turn over to State Farm any computers they may have used or may be using. If there is such a request or requirement, would you please identify it specifically.

Sincerely,



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